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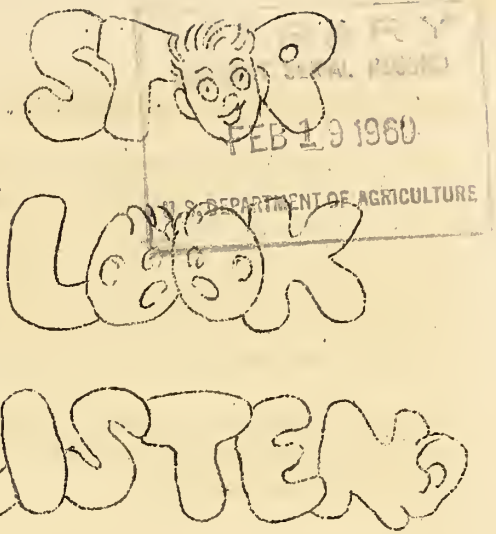
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FARM NEWS

NEWSLETTER - - September 1, 1959



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

September 10.--This is the final date for taking the first step to take part in the 1960 Conservation Reserve. Ask your county ASC committee to set a basic annual rate per acre for the land you want to place in the Reserve. You must request this basic rate by September 10, if you want to place land in the 1960 program.

September 25.--Is the final date to sign an application and give your bid for placing your land in the Conservation Reserve after you have received the basic rate from the county ASC committee.

September 1 to September 30.--Lamb and Wool Promotion Referendum--Sheep producers have the month of September to vote, whether they want to continue to finance the advertising and sales promotion of lambs and wool by the American Sheep Producers Council, Inc. Ballots were mailed to all known sheep producers. If you have sheep and do not have a ballot, get one from your county ASC office. Ballots must be voted and returned by September 30 to the county ASC office to be counted.

CORN PRICE SUPPORT

The price support loan rate for the 1959 crop corn in all Delaware counties is \$1.23 per bushel for farm-stored corn grading No. 3 or better, except for test weight. Corn can be accepted if moisture is 20.5 per cent or lower, and properly cribbed. If held until April 30, corn must be shelled and delivered to the nearest loading depot as directed. Loans can be redeemed any time by the farmer and he can then sell or feed his corn as he wishes. Purchase Agreements are available for the farmer who wants a guaranteed price without taking a loan. Loans are also available for Storage Facilities and Mobile Driers. If you are interested, more information can be obtained from your county ASC office.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION PROGRAM

All Delaware counties are prepared to go into concurrent operations with the 1960 Agricultural Conservation Program, if necessary, to carry out requests for late fall practices. This will enable farmers to do some liming practice while the land is frozen, or components of drainage practices without interfering with crops. Go to your county ASC office for further information.

CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

An amendment to the 1960 Conservation Reserve regulations provides that a 1960 Conservation Reserve Contract may be entered into by the landlord covering a farm operated or partially operated by a tenant or sharecropper during 1958 or 1959 providing the tenant or sharecropper left the farm voluntarily of his own free will and accord, and the fact is substantiated by a statement signed by the tenant or sharecropper that he left the farm voluntarily of his own free will and accord and willingly relinquishes any further interest he might have in the farm as a tenant or sharecropper.

Farmers desiring further information should apply at their county ASC office before Thursday, September 10 in order to place land in the 1960 Conservation Reserve Program.

You can put all your cropland in the 1960 Conservation Reserve. This will increase the rental payment you can earn, and you can still live on the farm and have a home garden. Ask the folks at your county ASC office about this program.

Other new facts for 1960 Conservation Reserve are:

1. Cropland will not be eligible unless the farmer's offered rate per acre is lower than the rate furnished to him by the county committee.
2. Cropland which changed ownership since December 31, 1956 is not eligible for 1960 unless cropland was inherited due to death of the former owner.
3. Land owned by any unit of government or by recreational clubs and associations is not eligible.
4. Land rented for cash or for a fixed amount of crop cannot be accepted at a higher rate than the rental figure.
5. Land which was idle in 1958 and 1959 will not be eligible unless it was idle because of participation in the Soil Bank.
6. If a farmer loses control of any of his land under contract, the contract is terminated for that land unless -
 - a. The person who acquires the land was a party to the original contract,
 - b. The land has been under contract for at least three years, or
 - c. The new owner acquires the land by inheritance.

WOOL DEMAND AND PRICES IMPROVED

Prices received for shown wool by U. S. growers during July 1959 were 16 percent above a year ago, according to the latest report on the wool situation.

This reflects the general improvement in world wool demand and prices which began in the closing months of 1958 and continued during the first half of 1959, the Department of Agriculture reports. A further expansion in world supplies and disappearance appears likely in coming months.

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